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The Communist party line is to oppose the outlawry of the Communist party in the United States.

Sens. McCarthy, Dirksen, Mundt, Bricker, Knowland and McCarran, among others, voted against outlawing the Communist party in the United States.



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Is it logical or fair or honest or valid to suggest that Sen. McCarthy or Sen. Dirksen or Sen. McCarran are either pro-Communist or anti-Communist because their vote against outlawing the Communist party coincides with the Communist party line?

I think it is untrue, unfair and dishonest to make any such suggestion or leave any such implication. These thirty-nine Senators (thirty-eight Republican and one Democratic), who voted unsuccessfully to defeat the Humphrey outlawry amendment, were voting their own convictions—the conviction that outlawry is an unwise, impracticable, ineffective method of dealing with subversion, and what the Communist party thinks or doesn't think, wants or doesn't want, had nothing to do with it.

No advocate of Sen. McCarthy's approach to dealing with attempted subversion would accept any such imputation, and he shouldn't. But there are advocates of Sen. McCarthy's approach to anti-communism who do hold and widely spread the suggestion that any one who questions anything Sen. McCarthy says or does automatically shows that he is pro-Communist.

Right now the country is being showered through the mails with a propaganda document—distributed by a private group from Los Angeles and apparently well financed—which proclaims its purpose to help Americans "Know Your Enemy." Without any evidence whatsoever, it brands hundreds of loyal, esteemed, trusted fellow-Americans as pro-subversive and an enemy of their nation.

The reasoning of the pamphlet is the same as the reasoning which would make Sens. McCarthy and McCarran pro-subversive because they and the Communist party alike oppose outlawry of the Communist party. The reasoning is this:

The Communist party line is to oppose "McCarthyism"—both methods and objectives.

These cited Americans have at one time or another been critical of some of Sen. McCarthy's methods.

Therefore, since their view in part coincides with the Communist party line, they—so the reasoning goes—should be branded as followers of the Communist party line and thus pro-subversive.

And who are these Americans and what are these American organizations which are to be considered appropriately listed under the heading: "Know Your Enemy?" Here is a short cross-section from the pamphlet:

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS—Assistant to the President Sherman Adams, Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty, Secretary of State Dulles, Central Intelligence Director Allen Dulles, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, etc.

POLITICAL LEADERS—Sens. Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin; Charles Potter, of Michigan; Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall, Sens. Irving Ives, of New York; Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine; Govs. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, John Lodge of Connecticut and Thomas E. Dewey of New York, etc.

NEWSPAPERS—"The New York World-Telegram," "The Kansas City Star," "The New

York Times," "The San Francisco Chronicle," "The Los Angeles Mirror," etc.

EDITORS—Roy Howard, Roy Roberts, Mrs. Helen R. Reid, Edwin D. Canham, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Palmer Hoyt, etc.

BUSINESS MEN—Winthrop W. Aldrich, Paul G. Hoffman, Henry Ford 2d, John J. McCloy, etc.

OTHERS—Chief Justice Earl Warren, Walter Lippmann, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Gen. Lucius Clay, etc.

The Citizens for Eisenhower Committee, a voluntary organization devoted to helping elect pro-Eisenhower Republican members to Congress, is also listed among the "enemies."

I'm not thinking up these names—I'm just reading them off.

"The Communist party," says "Know Your Enemy," "is no longer the chief menace in the United States because its members are known, exposed, discredited. The brunt of the fight against anti-Communists is now shifted to other groups (like those cited above) which operate under the cloak of 'respectability.' By virtue of their social positions they can exert greater influence and therefore are more dangerous than members of the Communist party."

Most Americans, I believe, agree that a critic of Sen. McCarthy is not pro-Communist because he believes that Sen. McCarthy's methods are not best calculated to immobilize the Communists. What "Know Your Enemy" is trying to do is to win an argument by wildly branding any one who disagrees with its viewpoint as pro-subversive. A difference of judgment becomes "proof" of disloyalty.

In the hard, rigorous and necessary battle against internal subversion, the American people are not going to be easily scared or deceived into any such mood of massive suspicion of each other.

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